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SUMMARY.

Socialists in Russia are organizing the masses for a general strike.
A joint conference of revolutionary committees held on the border of Finland resolved not to declare a strike at present.

The manifesto issued by the Duma is being circulated in the villages of the police.
The "Novoye Vremya" states that complete plans for an insurrection have been discovered.

They were found in the building of the "Mya" office, one of the socialist newspapers, suppressed a week ago.
Count Witte, the ex-Russian Premier, declared that it was a mistake that reforms were not introduced into Russia long before.

He holds that the Duma did wrong, and that the Government was compelled to choose between a revolution or dissolution.
The majority of foreign statesmen had adopted a correct attitude towards Russia.

He declared to believe that a regrettable exception appeared the true feeling of English statesmen.
The Polish revolutionaries held up a train near Warsaw. Two generals and a number of others were shot dead.

The revolutionaries captured with £1500.
A number of bishops have held services of thanksgiving to celebrate the dissolution of the Duma.

The British Government propose to build three dreadnoughts, two ocean-going destroyers, twelve coastal destroyers, and eight submarines.
There will be a saving of £2,500,000 on the original estimates.

The programme has the full approval of the Board of Admiralty, because foreign powers are building similar vessels.
It will be increased next year if the Hague Conference and the proposal for the limitation of armaments prove abortive.

The protecting Powers of Crete propose the introduction of new reforms in that island.
Local officials declare that the proposed changes will reduce the country to a condition of anarchy.

Prince George of Greece, the High Commissioner of Crete, threatens to resign.
Mr. A. J. Balfour reports that the Constitution for the Transvaal and the Orange River Colonies have been made a party question.

If the Government handed everything to the recent enemies they would shake the faith of the colonies.
The Government, he said, would deal the most serious blow to the Empire had it lasted for 150 years.

Despite an excellent output of gold, commodities and depression are increasing in the Transvaal.
Acute anxiety prevails lest the supremacy of the Boers should be restored.

The British Prime Minister states that the services at the home naval base have been reduced.
The race for the sculling championship of the world was won by the Parramatta crew on Saturday. Towns easily defeated Stanbury.

It is estimated that between 30,000 and 50,000 people witnessed the race.
The contest was an exciting one. Stanbury held his own for the first half, but Towns pushed him half a mile from the winning post.

He states that his left arm "gave way."
The Commonwealth election resulted in the victory of Mr. W. A. Holman by a substantial majority.

Two more letters have yet to come in.
The letters before said that Mr. Holman, 227, Mr. Fitzpatrick, 123.

The Board of Control has decided to recommend the admission of the South Australian Cricket Association.
The board will not renew the invitation to the Maryborough team, as one of the leading players are under suspension.

Speaking at the commercial travellers' banquet on Saturday, Mr. Holman said that he had a better Parliament than that in the State to-day.
Too much has been made of the "little" incidents which had taken place in Parliament.

The Farmers' Conference on Saturday rejected a proposal for a progressive land tax on estates worth £5000 and upwards.
Mr. G. H. Reid conducted his Queensland campaign on Saturday night by addressing a large meeting at Stanthorpe.

During his tour he has spoken at over 30 large gatherings.
Philip, leader of the Queensland Opposition, states that Mr. Reid's tour should do a lot for the cause he is advocating.

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LINENS ANCIENT AND MODERN.

The use of linen fabric can be traced to the Egyptians, who probably originated its manufacture. A piece of linen cloth found at Memphis had 50 threads in an inch of the warp.

Flax fibres to a flax cord presented by Anna, King of Egypt, to the Pharaoh, each thread being composed of six flax fibres. It was ornamented with a narrow border of animals worked in gold and cotton.

A piece of linen from ancient Egypt is, we believe, to be seen in the Museum of the Sydney University.

LINENS MODERN.
Spencer, in 1804, celebrated in verse the skill of linen-makers: "In dexter, in damask, or in lisle, and in lisle of Duging flax."

FARMER'S "ROYAL" LINENS.
We wish to tell you of FARMER'S "ROYAL" LINENS, all purchased from the best manufacturers, shipped in their Manchester Room (which affords a splendid light for inspection), all at lowest possible prices, and all

FARMER'S STERLING VALUE.
LINEN LINEN DAMASK CLOTHS.

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On Saturday afternoon George Towns remained the sculling champion of the world, from James Stanbury, after a struggle that must rank as one of the most remarkable ever witnessed on the Parramatta River.

The day belittled the event. In the morning the weather, in coquetish mood, incalculated the public with alternate smiles and frowns, but as the day wore on the promises of favourable conditions were fulfilled, and the afternoon proved an ideal one. Big masses of

minutes Towns led by a quarter-length, the being of the severest test on the men.

STANBURY LEADS BY A QUARTER OF A LENGTH.

Towns now steered too wide, and Stanbury got in front, and after having rowed four minutes led by about a quarter of a length. The excitement was intense, and it was a very open question as to who would crack up first. Nearing the mile Stanbury, in the faster water,

fleetly clouds hung in a spring-blue sky, from which the sun shone warmly, and scattered a myriad glistening diamonds among the ripples of the river.

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on the dancing waters, was the "sing-song" of the oarsmen, who were rowing in perfect unison. The "o-o-oo-dee-do" was heard from their whistles as they blew them at intervals. It looked as if the man who had brought us back to the shore had been one of the new men, but it was a race for all the time.

STANBURY HAD PRESSED.

At Charlita Towns was closing up the most experienced of rowers on the steamer feared that a foul might be appealed for, as Stanbury had crossed the bow of a power water, under the rules which governed the race. A protest was reached by Stanbury, now VERY bad, and

the contest. It is impossible to correctly estimate the number of those who viewed the race, but it was certainly a large crowd (that of the days when the old-time champions fought for supremacy on the Parramatta, and upwards of 80,000 people all told must have been present).

Just before the race the breeze, which had been blowing stiffly from the north-east, dropped entirely, and the course became a dead water. Consequently the boats were washed a few drops of rain; but it merely told the crowd what might have been, and gave place to glorious sunshine, which prevailed throughout the race.

A little after 4 o'clock the big champion, looking ridiculously out of proportion to his little boat, glided out from the shore at Hyde Park, and the race was on. The crowd greeted him with great cheering. Stabury was a general favourite, and the cheers had a note of affection in them. "Now, give it to him," cried the umpire, as the little rascal, as he passed the umpire's boat for the first time, was clearly the better man on the course. It was a very open question as to whether it was Witu, as the ex-champion of the world, or the little Stabury, who was 21 miles on the way, and as Stabury was the wharf he was fairly done. His time was 16m 20s, and Towns had reduced his lead to 10m 20s. "Come on, you name a man as ever sat in a boat, come on," cried the umpire, as in a few strokes raced up to the leader. It was a fearful struggle, and to the astonishment of all, nearly all, Towns went up very far indeed.

TOWNS'S BRILLIANT EFFORT.

It was a brilliant effort on Towns's part, and the result was that Stabury, who had been rowing rather short, was quite unable to respond to the pace made by him. In a few strokes the race was settled, but it was a fearful struggle for the last half mile. Stabury was 10m 20s when he was beaten, he almost ceased rowing, and

starting post. "No, don't; you'll want 'em all, old fellow," advised another. And that seemed to express the opinion of the crowd. Stانبury was going to win, but not so easily as he could afford to throw away any "good ones" beforehand. Then Towns, shooting out from behind Hrs Point, came up at a swinging pace amid welcoming cheers; and soon

The pair, looking in their skirts with wide-spread skulls like great ungainly water spiders, were manoeuvring for the start in the shadow of the big red bridge. A roar of voices told that the great race had begun, and it rolled to a murmuring echo down the course. There was a momentary lull, but as the steamers closed in behind the pair a wild

A REMARKABLE RACE.

Towns rowed a remarkable race, just as I.

the water. The wild country side seemed suddenly changed with leaping, yelling fish. Two or three trophy things in mid-stream. Every fisherman on the shore was shouting. The shores became streaked with gesticulating men running wildly to prolong their chase.

When Stanbury drew away of Mortlake a shout of supreme satisfaction arose, and as the boat disappeared the cheering of the crowd at Putney some of the latter danced into the shallows in their excitement. The fisherman who had been so successful nearly three longish the crowd saw therein the

he were out for a trial over the full course, and he was attacked at his rival, and kept going as hard as he could. He was killed on every stroke. After leaving the Gas Works he held his own, and rowed the two miles in about half an hour. He was rowing hard all the time, until close to Cabot's wharf, he got very short and looked done up, and as he was about to stop, a boat from the Little Town's house, which was just opposite, came along. It was just opposite that the race was lost by Stanbury, who seemed unable to get any pace. Immediately after the boat from the Little Town's house came, and he had failed him and that he had been

fulfillment of its predictions. The champion, had to win all alone! Who could have doubted it? What fools the country people had been to support Towns in the betting as they did! The steamers touched the signal "It's all over" to those ahead.

Then a curious hush fell on the multitude. Something altogether unexpected was happening. The steamer, the *Empire*, was not moving. It was as if it had been nailed to the spot. The men on the shore were looking at it with amazement. The steamer was not moving. It was as if it had been nailed to the spot. The men on the shore were looking at it with amazement.

Troubled with muscular rheumatism (or some days. The secret had been well kept, and those who laid long odds against Towns must have been ignorant of the fact.

Betting was brisk on the empire's steamer, and wagers were made even up to a mile from the finish. Towns is a rover who is never beaten until the winning post has been

bag. All of a sudden the boat was
stopped. It was not the scullers, but the curious
little spinner-like bow that held each gas
It seemed to have taken a life all to itself,
and was making straight for Stanbury—no
tentative, easy, but a determined move forward.
A big ferry steamer moored off Cabar-
ria, then abreast of the scullers, first real-
ized what it meant, and the craft seemed to

rock with the cheering that burst from its decks. The crowd ashore took up the cheer, and it rolled in a mighty volume across Gladesville and back to Cabarita as that splinter-like nose drew flush with the stern of the champion's boat. A woman's voice called "Jim" from the umpire's craft. It was a personal appeal, as a woman will cry, half in entreaty

and half in disappointment, to a falling man for whom she has a big regard. But Stanbury, too, seemed lost to all but that oncoming prowess—his eyes held by the fascination of its advance. And the champion's face was painfully strained when it passed behind and beyond him to his right; he knew he was champion no longer. There was a tremendous roar as the loser staggered back.

past lengths ahead amid a hurricane of sound it became a whirling mass of handkerchiefs, hats, and umbrellas. A pale haze of dust rose from the arena floor, and the crowd, leaning up and up through its shot a startled white pigeon, which fluttered awhile in the haze, and then bore eyewitnesses the things that Tux was the champion of the world.

THE RACE.

A FAIRLY EVEN START.

The water was perfectly smooth, and the tide fairly fast. The course was very well vent. The breeze was S.W. and

ordered the scullers out at 4 p.m., and 15 minutes later they got away at the first attempt to a fairly even start. Towns took first away at a faster stroke than Stansbury, but both were rowing a great race of strokes, probably more than 20 strokes a minute.

4. Towns was soon a half-length in front and rowing with a splendid length of stroke and great power. Stansbury was very close to him, and he was not far behind him, but he was not so strong as Towns, and he was not so fast. Towns was soon a half-length in front and rowing with a splendid length of stroke and great power. Stansbury was very close to him, and he was not far behind him, but he was not so strong as Towns, and he was not so fast.

The caton, and putting in some excellent work; indeed, in no way inferior to that of his bitter opponent. At the quarter-mile Standard he was in the lead, and at the half-mile Point was a quarter-length in front, the time being 14 minutes, which is very fast indeed, perhaps the best for the distance. Towns was not a little pleased to see the points led by a few feet. So far it was great race, and both men were all out, with

every pound on the work. After rowing three tioned, the champion said he was not at all

tly on 7th inst., with heavy rain; and from Co-
ro to Fremont, high winds, moderate seas, and
increasing to heavy gale and head seas. The
pitched heavily, heavy seas and spray breaking
the vessel. The usual calls were made at Ade-
and Melbourne.
has been decided to despatch the Orotava for
me at 4 p.m. to-morrow, and she will leave
me again on the return voyage on Saturday,
me 4. Many passengers for the Orotava.

THE AFRIC DUE TO-DAY.
The White Star liner Afric, from Liverpool, via Coaguera and ports, will reach Sydney to-day, and will call at Delguay's Wharf, Miller's Point.

THE NETHERTON, FROM JAVA.
The steamer Netheriton, under charter to W. Scott and Co. (Limited) and to the Government, on duty screening from Tillamook, Java, where it arrived on July 10, is expected to arrive on Saturday. It is chartered for either Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney. On arrival at Adelaide, however, instructions were given to the captain to call at Perth, as the steamer was to be chartered to the Government for the purpose of undertaking under Government and Government's unfavorable conditions. The steamer is a heavy weather set in, and gradually grew weary of the Leeward Islands. The steamer was encountered for three days a struggle with the

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all for Sydney; St. Louis, s. for Noonia, **July 22**, at 3.45 a.m.;
 Kiama, s. Beagle, s. Alice, s. Cavan, **July 23**, at 11.30 a.m.;
 Sydney, s. for Port Stephens, Duruka, s. **July 24**, at 11.30 a.m.;
 Sydney, s. Williams, s. for Port Stephens, **July 25**, at 11.30 a.m.;
 Sydney, s. Alice Tompkins, **July 26**, for the north.
WARRANJOEY (184 miles).—Dep. for **July 25**, **Myall**,
 at 7.50 a.m.; for Sydney, **July 26**, at 7.50 a.m.;
ROCKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Arr. **July 25**,
 at 3.45 p.m.; for Sydney, **July 26**, at 3.45 p.m.;
 for Bathurst, s. at 3.45 p.m.; from Sydney, **July 26**,
 at 3.45 p.m.; **RAY** (24 miles).—Passed **July 25**,
 at 11.30 a.m.; for Sydney, **July 26**, at 11.30 a.m.;
 for Sydney, s. at 9.5 a.m.; south; Tumcurry, s. at 11.30
 a.m.; for Sydney, **July 26**, at 11.30 a.m.

... Bellinger, s, at 3.25 p.m., Hilda, s, at noon.
... two steamers at 5.30 p.m., all north.
... ORUYA HEADS (141 miles).—Arr: July 26, Riple,
... at 5.15 p.m., from Bateman's Bay. Passed: July
... Glancus, s, at 11 a.m., Kadina, s, at noon, both
... h.
... HERMAQUI SOUTH (160 miles).—Arr: July 28, Riple,

10 p.m., for Sydney.—Dep: July 28, Eden, s. at 7 a.m.
DEN (218 miles).—Dep: July 28, Eden, s. at 7 a.m., for
Sydney, via ports: Kakape, s. at 7.30 a.m., for
Weston.
GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: July 28, Abie,
7.30 a.m. Easy, s. at 11.30 a.m., a steamer, mid-
dle, black top, at 2 p.m. Westralia, s. at 2 p.m.
north.
HART ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: July 28, Nardoo,
steamer, black funnel, white band, at
7.45 a.m., s. at 11.30 a.m., a steamer, black
funnel, white band, at 2 p.m. Westralia, s. at 2 p.m.
north.

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NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

CLIFTON (3000 miles).—Arr: July 29, Auckland, at 8 a.m.; July 29, Rotorua, at 7.30 a.m.; from the eastern States.

NEWCASTLE (3000 miles).—Arr: July 29, Newcastle, at 8 a.m.; from Newcastle.

ELLINGTON (3000 miles).—Dep: July 29, Auckland, 2 p.m.; for Sydney.

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back to the center, and the crowd, being misled by the shouting, followed him. The Union failed to convert, and the crowd, after a chase, and they were back to the center, where he was waiting again. He was then being chased by the crowd, and they quickly ran back to the center. The crowd, full-back kicking the play in the stewards.

VICTORIAN MATCHES.

In the football league matches yesterday, Kewston 6 goals 3 behinds, 10 points; beat Varsity 4 goals 2 behinds, 10 points; Collingwood 11 goals 10 behinds, 44 points; beat St. Kilda 11 goals 10 behinds, 44 points; North Melbourne 12 goals 12 behinds, 44 points; beat Carlton 7 goals 3 behinds, 40 points; Geelong 10 goals 12 behinds, 42 points; The Association 10 goals 12 behinds, 42 points; South Melbourne 10 goals 12 behinds, 42 points; North Melbourne 17 goals 12 behinds, 54 points; beat Brunswick 4 goals, 6 behinds, 20 points.

